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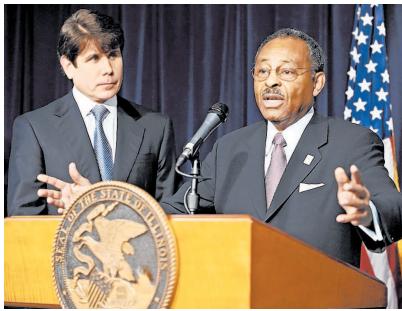
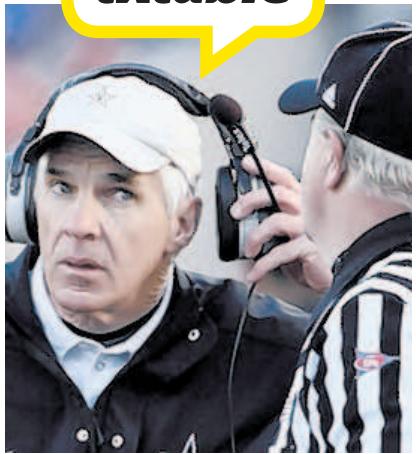
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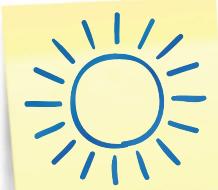
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@amyj_fisher my manservant will be taking my Christmas decorations down when I tell him to.

@zesmer_elda I have a neighbor who decided to leave theirs up year-round after last x-mas. Now their ornaments are dusty.

@cotton_star8 My mom always takes the decorations down the very next day, but it's also my DAD's bday!:o

@lance_bowski take down the obvious (Santas, canes, etc) after Jan. 1—leave the lights up for a week or two.

@neosoul Depends on how I feel. Sometimes right away and sometimes a week later.

@dparm I'm a firm believer they need to be down by the first weekend in January. Beyond that and it comes off as lazy and weird.

@SeanFrancis I say the decorations can remain until Epiphany (January 6).

@alice My mom said you wait until Epiphany to take the decorations down.

@paige_worthy took mine down on New Year's Eve. They depress me after much longer.

@j_sparks Decorations should be axed on the 26th. I mean, honestly. Stop living in the past.

@kwells_2416 I want to add—we do outside decorations that with lights off can just be "winter" so stay out til Spring

@saulbhp I took mine down this morning! It is a new year indeed!

@eliza_beth_ann i like to leave the decor up for a little bit, i like to go til epiphany. my bros bday is the 10th. he wants it down by then.

@Grant_Gannon Decorations must be down the weekend after Jan 1st. No exceptions. Anything else is trashy. Defeats "get organized" resolution.

@gordo_dym I tend to put up in early Dec., and take down New Year's Day. Simplest way is usually the best.

@pol_mex January 6. Twelve Days of Christmas, thank-youverymuch.

@JGHue I say the weekend after New Year's should be the time to take them down. Especially the wreaths.

@Jade_Jadore Take them down after Jan. 6th Wise Men's Day

@mickers My family waits 'til the 6th b/c it's Wise Men's Day, in Mexico they bring gifts to the kids in their shoe, which is left out.

@ianthembd we've had a skeleton up next to the plastic snowman w/ an easter hat for years. it's a multipurpose decoration scheme.

@chicago_carless Take 'em down January 1st or today (takes me 20 hrs to put 'em up, 4 to scuttle 'em). As a kid, waited til 1/6 ... or February.

@celikins rule of thumb for Xmas déco...turn on only until 1/6 take down on 1st +30deg day after. That said mine coming down 2morrow!

@semibold1 try to take them down by the end of the first week of Jan. I don't have that many anyway.

@JSGlassArt Once Christmas is over I'm done with the decorations. I'd take them down the day after if everyone would let me.

ISRAELI STORM

Forces bisect Gaza, surround biggest city as offensive expands

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip

Israeli ground troops and tanks cut swathes through the Gaza Strip early Sunday, cutting the coastal territory into two and surrounding its biggest city as the new phase of a devastating offensive against Hamas militants gained momentum.

The military used overwhelming firepower from tanks, artillery and aircraft to protect the advancing soldiers, and Gaza officials said at least 31 civilians were killed in a dozen militants, but Ga

The ground operation is the second phase in an offensive that began as a weeklong aerial onslaught aimed at halting Hamas rocket fire that has reached deeper and deeper into Israel, threatening one-eighth of Israel's population.

The new deaths brought the death toll to more than 500 since Dec. 27, according to officials, who say at least 100 civilians are among the dead.

Gaza City's civilians cowered inside, nearly paralyzed by fear.

"We keep hearing the sounds of airplanes and we don't know if we'll live until tomorrow or not," said Lubna Karam, 28.

In his first public comments on the operatio

Olmert told his Cabinet on Sunday that Israel could not allow its civilians to continue to be targeted by rockets from Gaza.

"This morning I can look every one you in the eyes and say the government did everything before deciding to go ahead with the operation. This operation was unavoidable," he said.

ALSO..

Other reaction and fallout to the growing Mideast crisis.

BEIRUT

Police fired tear gas on Sunday at scores of demonstrators rallying against Israel's ground offensive in Gaza as the protesters tried to reach the U.S. Embassy compound north of the Lebanese capital, Beirut.

SDEROT, ISRAEL

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg expressed solidarity Sunday with Israelis threatened by Hamas rockets

ISTANBUL

In Turkey, more than 5,000 people held an anti-Israel rally in Istanbul, waving Palestinian flags and burning effigies of Olmert and President Bush.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Vice President Dick Cheney said that Israel did not seek U.S. approval before starting the ground invasion. From the White House to Capitol Hill, U.S. officials remained firmly behind Israel.

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SIGHTINGS

John and Joan Cusack recently attended the Flyers-Blackhawks game at the United Center.

» All the Blackhawks players hung out at The Pony on Thursday after their game against the Red Wings at Wrigley Field.

» Bulls player Ben Gordon hung out at Underground on Saturday night.

MORE ONLINE

Who doesn't need more Liz? Check out her blog at thesebootsaremadeforstalking.com for more celeb dish.

No proposal (yet)

Vince Vaughn made a return home to the Windy City for the holidays with his girlfriend, Kyla Weber, and, despite reports and rumors he planned to propose around New Year's, it didn't happen.

However, Vaughn has introduced Weber to his family and they recently all dined at Gibsons.

On Dec. 30, Vaughn dined at Graham Elliot in River North and hung out at North Side blues club Kingston Mines with fellow actors Peter Billingsley and Faizon Love. Vaughn hosted a private party for his friends at his penthouse on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day took in the NHL Winter Classic from a suite at Wrigley Field.

Vaughn jetted back to L.A. on Saturday.



Vaughn in February. AP FILE

Straight from 'The Hills'

"The Hills" star Stephanie Pratt recently came to Chicago to make a nightclub appearance at Manor.

She did a phone interview with my intern Julie Corirossi last week and dished about "Hills" drama, including her brother Spencer's wedding with Heidi Montag in Mexico and their ongoing feud with Lauren Conrad.

How did everyone get along at the wrap party for the season finale in New York City?

Well, Spencer and Heidi were in a different room, because of the Heidi and Lauren feud. They're always in a separate room from everyone else.

We saw them hug and make up during the season finale. Is that all made up?

I know that Lauren and Heidi are friends on-screen for the sake of the show, but I have no idea about their relationship off-screen.

Heidi's mom has publicly come out and said your brother manipulated Heidi into marrying him. What do you think about her comments?

I think Heidi's mom is just really hurt. She lives in Colorado and doesn't see Spencer and Heidi's relationship like we do. She doesn't see their day-to-day life and how much they care about each other. I think she was just really hurt that she wasn't at her own daughter's wedding.

What can we expect from the new season of "The Hills"?

Holly, Heidi's sister, is on the show now and for next season we are really going to try to force Heidi and Lauren to be friends again, but we'll see what Spencer has to say about that.



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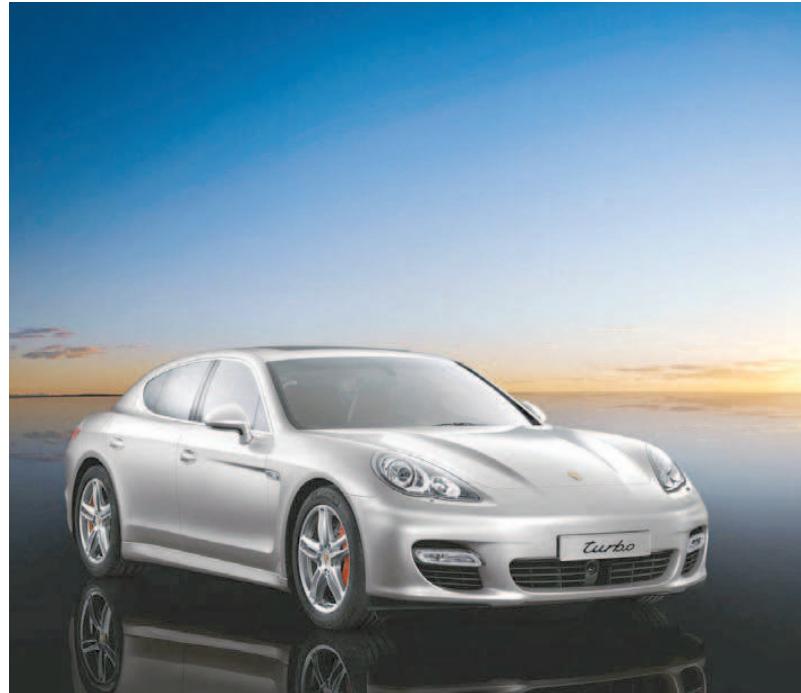
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Javier Jimenez (left) and Laura Zapata are among members of a coalition calling for the resignation of Gov. Blagojevich.

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NO SUPPORT

Blagojevich has few allies as impeachment vote draws near

Associated Press

Gov. Blagojevich doesn't have many friends these days, particularly among the lawmakers who will decide whether to throw him out of office.

The vote to begin impeachment proceedings was unanimous. Former allies have fallen silent since his Dec. 9 arrest on federal corruption charges. Members of a special impeachment committee are uniformly negative in their comments and questions.

"Isn't anyone here going to stand up for the governor?" Blagojevich attorney Ed Genson asked the committee last week.

The response was silence.

Blagojevich even has trouble finding support closer to home. His circle of aides and informal advisers has fallen apart due to arrests, resignations and the pressure of a federal investigation that dates back six years. His chief legislative ally is retiring next month.

There have been few details about what Blagojevich is doing behind closed doors

G-ROD VS. RYAN

Things were far different when Republican Gov. George Ryan was engulfed in scandal. Even as the public turned away from Ryan, he remained popular among lawmakers. That insulated him from any serious impeachment threat.

Gov. Blagojevich, however, faced impeachment talk even before the FBI arrested him, alleging that he schemed to shake down a hospital executive for campaign donations, tried to benefit from appointing the replacement for President-elect Obama's Senate seat and more.

at his Chicago office, other than signing a few bills and attempting to maintain an air of "business as usual." His spokesman has said the governor is meeting with aides and staff about Illinois' \$2 billion-plus budget gap, but no one has provided details or stepped forward to confirm Blagojevich is even talking with anyone. He spends the rest of his time at home, save for a few visits to Genson's office. Blagojevich's woeful situation leaves him immensely vulnerable to impeachment in the House and then conviction in the Senate.

Lawmakers can vote against him for any reason they want. They don't have to follow rules of evidence or consider reasonable doubt. They could vote to throw him out of office simply because they don't consider him fit to be governor.

That's an easier vote to make if no one will stand up and defend him.

His closest ally in the House, state Rep. Jay Hoffman, a fellow Democrat from Collinsville, said nothing to support Blagojevich when the House voted to establish an impeachment committee. Instead, Hoffman said at a news conference that he would resign if he were in Blagojevich's position.

One of the few people with kind words for the governor, state Rep. Ken Dunkin, said the two-term Democrat faces payback for years of feuding with the Legislature.

Still, Dunkin voted along with everyone else to begin impeachment proceedings.

It would take a simple majority vote for the House to impeach, which basically means accusing Blagojevich of misconduct.

Then the state Senate would hold a trial to determine whether he's guilty. A conviction there requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Burris readies for wild week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Senate's top two Democrats defended their right to deny a seat to Roland Burris, Barack Obama's successor-in-waiting, while refusing to rule out a deal as Congress and its new members begin work this week.



Burris

"Anything can happen," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.). But he described the chances of Burris joining the Senate as "very difficult."

Also Sunday, Reid denied a published report he told Blagojevich in early December that he opposed the appointments of Democratic Reps. Jesse Jackson Jr. and Danny Davis to the Senate seat out of fear they would lose the seat to a Republican in the 2010 general election.

Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin acknowledged that his governor has the state constitutional authority to fill the vacancy.

Burris sought spiritual and political sustenance Sunday night at a church on the South Side.

Warm words of support and prayers for Roland Burris at New Covenant Church contrasted with the frigid reactions from Senate leaders, many of whom say his appointment by the embattled Blagojevich is so badly stained that Burris shouldn't be seated when the new Congress convenes this week.

Burris took the church stage to a crescendo of drums, organ music and applause from hundreds of supporters, including black leaders and ministers.

"The appointment is legal," he said, thanking those gathered at the prayer service. "That is all there is. I don't know what all the confusion is about."

Before the service, Burris supporter U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) and about 60 ministers condemned Senate Democratic leaders for rejecting Burris.

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In or out?

Should Gov. Blagojevich be impeached? Text "blago" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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Police find 3 babies in filthy apartment

Three babies were found by Chicago police Saturday night in a filthy West Side apartment that was riddled with rats and roaches, leading to their parents' arrests.

Latrice Johnson, 23, and Kevin Wysinger, 21, were each charged with three misdemeanor counts of endangering the life of a child and three misdemeanor counts of contributing to the neglect of a child, officials said Sunday. Shirley Senner, 21, was charged with one mis-

demeanor count each of endangering the life of a child and contributing to the neglect of a child.

The three adults, who told police they lived in the apartment, are parents of at least one of the children, but police were not saying who is related to whom. Police responded to a 911 call for a domestic disturbance at the apartment in the 600 block of North Spaulding Avenue about 9:35 p.m., they said.

Once inside the apartment, officers found Johnson and Wysinger. There was no heat in the unit, and there were roaches, rats, numerous open containers of alcohol, exposed electrical wires and an overflowed toilet with human waste, police said. There also was no food or water in the unit, they said.

The boys, who were wearing winter coats when found by police, were then taken away from the apartment, and Johnson and

Wysinger were taken into custody.

Officers later heard noises coming from a bedroom. That's where they discovered the baby girl hidden on the floor behind a mattress that was propped against a wall, police added.

"When you think you've seen it all. ... It's shocking and appalling," said Harrison District Lt. John Andrews. "If it were not for the alertness of the officers at the scene, this 4-month-old baby could have died."

3 kids safe after carjacking

Three small children who were briefly abducted during a carjacking on the Far South Side on Saturday afternoon were returned safely to their mother, Chicago police said Sunday. The kids and their father were in a vehicle in the 13200 block of South Riverdale Avenue, when the father was approached by three people with black masks who displayed handguns and demanded that he get out of the vehicle.

Sculpting contest coming

Grant Park is set to host a snow-sculpting contest next month during Snow Days Chicago. Fran Volz of Arlington Heights, who runs Snow Visions, said he always wanted to bring the art of snow sculpting to as many people as possible. Volz said the competition will be part of the city's five-day Snow Days Chicago festival Feb. 12-16. This year about a dozen teams will sculpt creations out of blocks of man-made snow.

Tough job to fill

The bad news is that there still are potholes all over Chicago. The good news is that officials are on top of them. Literally. Here are some pothole figures to fill your brain, courtesy of the city of Chicago.

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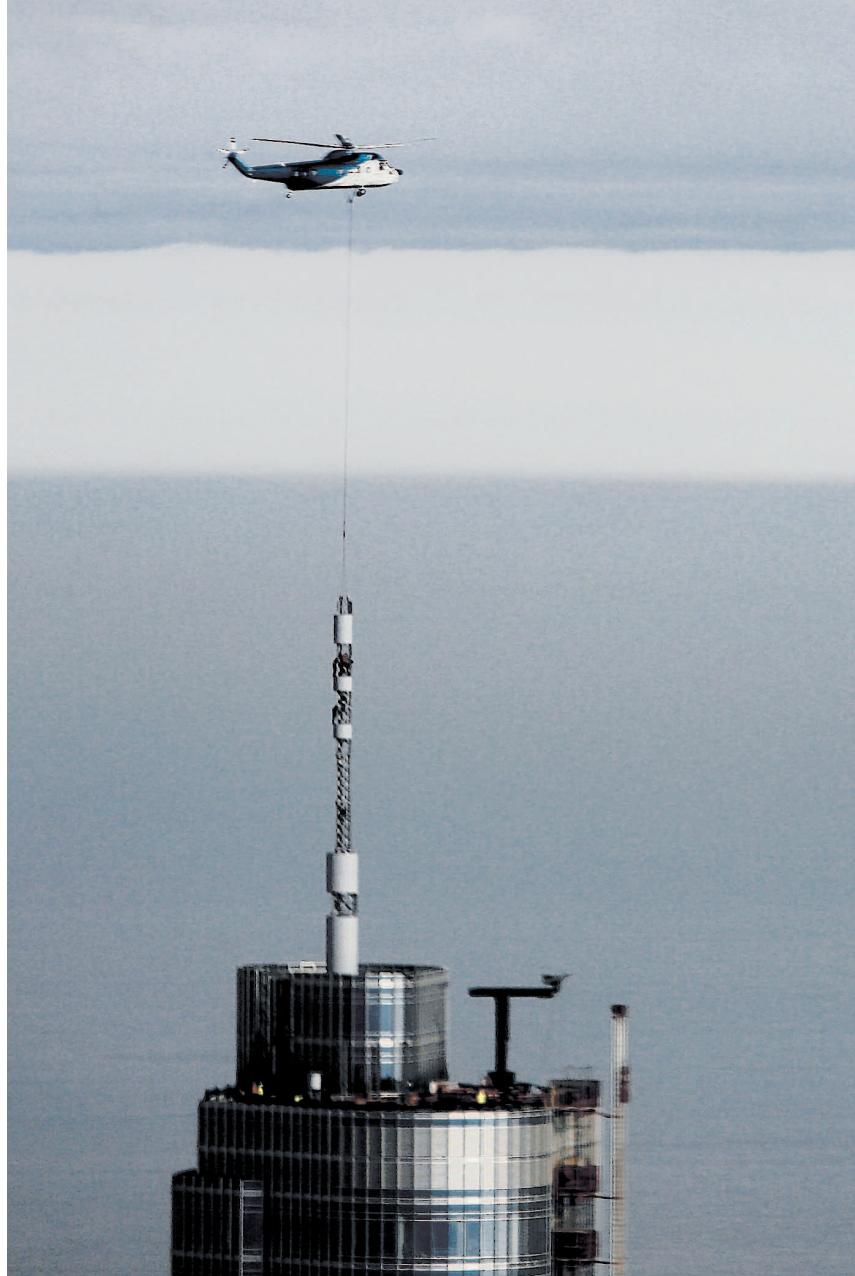
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Number of potholes the city repaired last week

thousands

Number of potholes that remain

TALL, TALL TRUMP



A helicopter flies overhead as workers on Saturday install the underpinnings for the spire atop Donald Trump's skyscraper. The installation brings the tower's peak 90 feet short of the Sears Tower. The operation took 4 hours and 15 minutes. **ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE**



Barack Obama on Sunday talks to reporters on the plane as he leaves for D.C. **AP**

Obama goes to Washington

President-elect Obama arrived at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland after leaving Midway Airport late Sunday afternoon.

He left his Hyde Park house at about 4 p.m. and arrived at Midway about 30 minutes later.

As he boarded the plane, Obama waved to the press and said he would see them in D.C.

He went to the back of plane and said, "Well guys, I am looking forward to seeing you guys in Washington. ... I gotta say I choked up a little bit leaving my house today."

Obama said a friend of his daughter Malia "had dropped off an album of the two of them together. They had been friends since preschool and I just looked through the pages and the house was empty and it was a little tough, it got me."

Obama ordered a cheeseburger on the plane, which is a Boeing 757 with big leather seats. He met Col. Scott Turner, who will be his Air Force One pilot.

Obama said he had taken a government plane before. He said his wife Michelle and their daughters were "having fun" and that he was looking forward to going to Washington.

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1 Powerful quakes

A series of powerful earthquakes killed at least four people and injured dozens in remote eastern Indonesia Sunday near Manokwari, and briefly triggered fears of another tsunami in a country still recovering from 2004's deadly waves. **AP PHOTO**

2 Bomber kills at least 35

A female suicide bomber blew herself up on Sunday among a crowd of pilgrims worshipping at a revered Shiite shrine in northern Baghdad, killing at least 35 people and wounding at least 65, the Iraqi army said.

3 'Extremely hideous'

A man who initially told police gunmen kidnapped his 2½-year-old son was arrested Saturday, accused of committing an "extremely hideous" murder because he was ordered to pay child support, New Orleans Police Superintendent Warren Riley said.

4 Serious gas shortages?

A top Ukrainian official in Kiev has warned that European customers could see serious natural gas disruptions in about two weeks if the energy dispute between Russia and Ukraine is not resolved.

5 Woman drowns

Police in Plainsboro, N.J., say a 61-year-old woman drowned Saturday trying to save her grandson's dog from a frozen pond.

6 Nightclub fire charges

The owner of a Thai nightclub where at least 62 revelers perished in a New Year's Eve fire will face criminal charges over the blaze, which was likely sparked by a countdown fireworks display on the stage of the jammed nightspot, police in Bangkok said Sunday.



No economic plan by inauguration

7 WASHINGTON Don't expect Congress to have an economic recovery plan ready for Barack Obama when he takes office on Jan. 20.

That's the word from the House's No. 2 Democrat, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland.

Hoyer says it would be tough to get a massive spending plan together that early. Hoyer says it is more likely that the House will finish its part by the end of January. He hopes that something will be available for Obama to sign by mid-February.

Obama will meet with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid on the stimulus package on Monday.

Meanwhile, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson withdrew his nomination to be commerce secretary amid a grand jury investigation.

Obama's transition office said Sunday that Obama accepted Richardson's withdrawal.

A federal grand jury is investigating how a California company that contributed to Richardson's political activities won a lucrative New Mexico state contract.

A person familiar with the proceedings has told The Associated Press that the grand jury is looking into possible "pay-to-play" dealings between CDR Financial Products and someone in a position to push the contract through with the state of New Mexico.



Your tax dollars at work

10 Sometimes change is good. Other times, it's confusing. James Howarth is a little confused by two letters he has received from the IRS.

The Detroit defense lawyer received one letter in November that said he owed the IRS money—five cents.

He was warned that he should pay "to avoid additional penalty and/or interest," the Detroit Free Press reported Saturday. Howarth says he then received a second letter telling him the government owes him money—four cents.

He was told he would have to request the refund since it's less than \$1.

"When I owe them a nickel, I must pay them. It's not optional," he said. "But when they owe me, I have to ask for it."

Howarth says he's not sure if there is a connection between the two notices, or if the refund represents a recalculation of the original bill. The perplexed lawyer says he called an IRS 800 telephone number but gave up after spending a long time on hold.

IRS spokesman Luis Garcia says the agency doesn't comment on individual accounts.

Freezing temps



8 A man walks with his yak after fresh snowfall in Kufri in the outskirts of Shimla, India. Near-freezing temperatures and fog have killed another 20 people in northern India, raising the death toll to 34 since the start of the new year, a government official said Sunday. **AP**



114

9 On her first day as the oldest person on Earth, 114-year-old Gertrude Baines of L.A. spent Saturday resting under the covers in her pajamas—unfazed, suffering a slight cold and most likely unaware of her new world status. The death of 115-year-old Maria de Jesus in Portugal on Friday made Baines the oldest, according to the Gerontology Research Group, which validates claims of extreme old age. Baines awoke to her usual breakfast gripe: her bacon wasn't crispy enough. **AP FILE**

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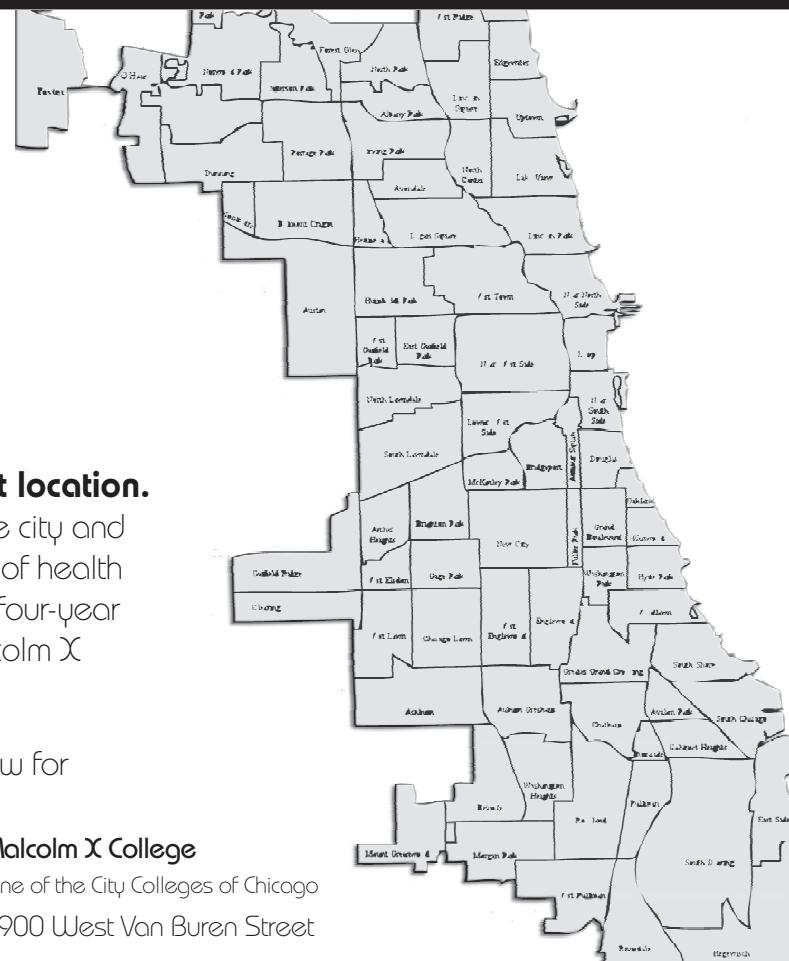
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WILD-CARD SATURDAY

Chargers put shock into Colts

SAN DIEGO Overtime is no problem for a team with sudden life.

Darren Sproles, filling in grandly for banged-up LaDainian Tomlinson, burst 22 yards for the OT touchdown as San Diego came back to beat Indianapolis, 23-17, in a first-round playoff game Saturday night.

The Chargers have overcome identity theft. The preseason AFC favorites, buried at 4-8 on Thanksgiving weekend, have now won five consecutive games and will play Pittsburgh on Sunday, in hopes of continuing their reincarnation.

"Everybody was asking me why we were 4-8, just they're asking me now why we're winning, and I can't put my finger on it either way," quarterback Philip Rivers said. "But we have a coach [Norv Turner] who didn't get away from the plan, and he stuck with us when everyone was trying to tear our locker room apart." **MCT**

Big win is in the Cards

GLENDALE, Ariz. The Arizona Cardinals were skipping like giddy children released from school, practically bouncing down the tunnel on the way to their locker room, buffeted by the uncommon wall of sound at the University of Phoenix Stadium.

It's not often you hear the year 1947 stated around an NFL team, but that was the last time the Cardinals had played a home playoff game, and that was back when they were in Chicago.

The years melted away Saturday as Arizona defeated the Atlanta Falcons, 30-24, in an NFC West wild-card game behind two touchdown passes from Kurt Warner.

Said Coach Ken Whisenhunt: "A lot of people coming into this game said that we were the worst playoff team to ever get in, and no one ever gave us a chance, and I think we rallied around that." **L.A. TIMES**

WILD-CARD SUNDAY

BIRD IS THE

EAGLES RUN AWAY FROM, OVER VIKINGS

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS All but forgotten as a postseason contender just one month earlier, Andy Reid, Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles have a playoff win.

Next up: the Super Bowl champions.

Brian Westbrook caught a short pass out of the backfield and zigzagged through the Minnesota defense for a devastating 71-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, and the Eagles spoiled the Vikings' first home playoff game in eight years with a 26-14 victory Sunday.

"I've seen this team have confidence in each other and try to have one another's back," McNabb said. "What you're seeing is a team playing with a lot of energy, playing with emotion, and just having fun."

Asante Samuel's 44-yard interception return of Tarvaris Jackson's errant pass in the second quarter set a tone for the kind of game most Vikings fans feared from the quarterback.

Reid improved his playoff coaching record to 9-6, including at least one win each time the Eagles have qualified in his 10 years. He bested his buddy and former offensive coordinator Brad Childress in this one, and they spoke for several moments on the field after the game while maybe a thousand Eagles fans cheered around the tunnel entrance and began a derogatory chant toward the Giants.

Philadelphia will play next Sunday in New Jersey against the top-seeded defending champs, sending Arizona to play Carolina in the other NFC semifinal on Saturday.

Jackson, who lost his job in September but got it back when Gus Frerotte was hurt, went 15-for-35 for 164 yards. Adrian Peterson's two touchdown runs weren't nearly enough for NFC North champion Minnesota, which will head to yet another off-season with burning questions about the quarterbacks.

Westbrook couldn't find any room to run, finishing with 38 yards on 20 carries even with

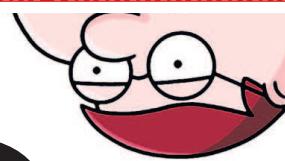


Philadelphia's Joselio Hanson (left) and Asante Samuel celebrate Samuel's interception return for a TD as Minnesota QB Tarvaris Jackson is doubled over in pain after a vicious hit. **MCT**

two starters (Ray Edwards and Pat Williams) missing on Minnesota's defensive line. But McNabb, who went 23-for-34 for 300 yards, kept the offense from derailing.

"Donovan did a great job today leading this team. Basically putting the team on his back," Westbrook said. "We really didn't have too much of a running game, but he put this

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WORD



4 INTERCEPTIONS DOOM MIAMI



Miami's Chad Pennington reflects on his poor performance on Sunday. **GETTY IMAGES**

MIAMI The Baltimore Ravens had Chad Pennington spinning, ducking, on his heels and on his back. When he did manage to get a pass away, they were often there to snatch it.

The Ravens came up with four interceptions, including one returned 64 yards for a touchdown by Ed Reed, and won 27-9 on Sunday to spoil the Miami Dolphins' first playoff game in seven seasons.

Baltimore stuffed Miami's ground attack and negated the Wildcat, but most of all the Ravens harried Pennington into uncharacteristic mistakes. After throwing only seven interceptions during the regular season, he had four during a 22-minute flurry midway through the game.

"We heard all week that they don't turn the ball over," linebacker Ray Lewis said. "But we force turnovers."

With a rookie coach in John Harbaugh and a rookie quarterback in Joe Flacco, wild-card entrant Baltimore (12-5) won for the 10th time in 12 games and will play Saturday at AFC South champion Tennessee.

The playoff victory was the first for the Ravens since they beat Miami in a first-round game in January 2002. The result put the brakes on this season's remarkable resurgence by the Dolphins (11-6), who won the AFC East after going 1-15 in 2007.

"It has been a special year; that's why it hurts so much," Pennington said. "You want to keep it going." **AP**

team on his back and threw the ball down the field—just sitting there in the face of the blitz. And that's what you expect from a superstar quarterback like Donovan."

The Whizzer Report

Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose.

That's the life of a sports prognosticator like myself.

I'm all about full disclosure, so here's how accurate (or not) I was during the first week of the NFL playoffs.



Minnesota vs. Philadelphia

What happened: Philadelphia 26, Minnesota 14

What Whizzer said: Philadelphia 21, Minnesota 20

Accuracy: I was off by one point on total points scored, and Philly pulled through for me. I'll put my batteries away.



Miami vs. Baltimore

What happened: Baltimore 27, Miami 9

What Whizzer said: Baltimore 28, Miami 12

"The Ravens D will make Chad Pennington look like the quarterback the New York Jets couldn't get rid of fast enough."

Accuracy: I almost nailed the score, and the Ravens intercepted Pennington four times and returned one of them for a TD. I win!



San Diego vs. Indianapolis

What happened: San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17

What Whizzer said: Indianapolis 40, San Diego 30

Accuracy: In what figured to be a high-scoring game, these two had to go to OT to settle it. When did these teams learn to play defense?



Arizona vs. Atlanta

What happened: Arizona 30, Atlanta 24

What Whizzer said: Atlanta 33, Arizona 27

Accuracy: Close on the score, but chose the wrong winner.



Who knew?

5 The NFL's OT is so ridiculous, even the players are confounded by it. Just as Donovan McNabb. Speak slowly.

Get the point

6 I think I found my new favorite niche sport to replace curling: *yabusame*. Basically samurai archery. How cool is that? Check out the pic on Page 15.

Man, Rod

7 Gov. Blago used to box, and new photos of him from '75 show he had great form: His hair already resembled a furry helmet. He makes my hair look positively pristine.

Spicy Fiesta

8 Is it just me, or does the Fiesta Bowl make you want to eat tortilla chips and salsa?

New, old year

9 Back when I was a wee pup, bowl games culminated with a mammoth New Year's Day schedule. Now, games go into the second week of the year. I curse the TV gods!

The Case Against Domes, No. 371

3 It was 2 degrees in Minnesota for the playoff game, but of course the Vikings were playing inside. That alone forced me to root for Philly. I feel dirty.

Tie die

4 The NFL needs a new overtime procedure. San Diego beat Indianapolis on Saturday night in OT, and Peyton Manning never even had a chance to win the game. For shame.

Showtime

Catch Marc Silverman of the "Waddle & Silvy" show from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays on ESPN's WMVP (1000-AM) and espnradio1000.com.



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1 After a weekend of play, how do you think the Bears would have fared in the NFL playoffs?	They were destined to lose. Brian Urlacher already had his postseason defense of his play memorized.	The Bears locker room would have had better postgame concession speeches.	I think they would have lost in the locker room.	I thought the fantasy football season ended last week.	The Bears would have torn them up like I do my jerseys when I scratch my back.
2 How come Lovie Smith didn't beat Atlanta's Mike Smith for NFL coach of the year?	Mike is the Morrissey of the Smiths, Lovie is one of the other guys.	One Smith found a starting QB, the other Smith broke his.	Because of the two Smiths, Mike's a better coach.	That was before Rod Marinelli comes to save the day. Mike Smith and Co. better look out!	It was rigged. I bet Evil Super Computer had something to do with it.
3 What does the result of college football's Fiesta Bowl between No. 3 and No. 10 mean to you?	We're a step closer to ending a bowl season that has grown out of control. Kind of like Bear Jordan's fur.	Establishing a playoff system in football is priority No. 1.	Not sure why, but when I think of fiesta I think cheese. So for me, it means gooey, melty cheese.	Welcome to the Siesta Bowls. Wake me up when there's a playoff. You hear me, Teddy G?	A lot of smack talk from a team that didn't really win anything.
4 Patrick Kane is out for the Blackhawks after aggravating an injury at Wrigley Field. Thoughts?	In a battle of high ankle sprains, Patrick's beats Kyle Orton's by a frozen, beer-soaked hair.	Blackhawks fans have learned what Cub fans always knew: Wrigley is a Field of Nightmares.	Maybe he's better suited to be a Cub instead of a Blackhawk.	Shocking. I've been aggravated going to Wrigley for 37 years.	When the Bears played at Wrigley, ankle sprains couldn't keep us down.
5 Where are the Bulls right now on your sports radar?	I come from basketball-crazy Indiana, and I'm more interested in hockey. That says it all.	Right below the Manning Bros. vs. the Williams Sisters in a cookie-eating contest.	On my radar, the Bulls are like sleet—it falls and hits you on the head and hurts every time.	The Bulls have been playing? I thought that was the Sky playing at the UC.	No. 1 by default. My Bear brothers abandoned me, but my Bulls haven't—yet.



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You know, I almost instinctively started writing this about how disappointing the Bears were Sunday. So, what do I write about now? I'll just run with the Bears theme. After watching some of this weekend's NFL playoffs games, I actually think the Bears could have been competitive. I can't believe I said that, let alone thought it. Here now, my TV picks.



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Chicago's Patrick Sharp (center) celebrates his goal Sunday against Calgary with Aaron Johnson (left) and James Wisniewski. NUCCIO DINUZZO / TRIBUNE

BLACKHAWKS 5, FLAMES 2

Flame-proof home

Nikolai Khabibulin made 34 saves, Martin Havlat, Andrew Ladd and Patrick Sharp each had a goal and an assist, and the Blackhawks rebounded from consecutive losses to Detroit to beat Calgary 5-2 on Sunday night.

Kris Versteeg and Dustin Byfuglien also scored for the Blackhawks, swept by Detroit in a home-and-home series that featured the Winter Classic after winning a franchise-record nine straight games. Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith had two assists.

Todd Bertuzzi and Daymond Langkow scored for Calgary. The Blackhawks ended the Flames' winning streak at five and snapped their points streak at 10 games (7-0-3). Calgary hadn't lost in regular-

BLACKHAWKS HITS

Blackhawks D Cam Barker was a scratch for an undisclosed reason. But RW Adam Burish returned after missing 16 games because of a broken toe.

» The crowd of 22,146 was the Blackhawks' 18th sellout in 18 home dates.

tion since Dec. 9 at Montreal.

Blackhawks scoring leader Patrick Kane was sidelined by a high-ankle sprain, the first time he has missed a game in his NHL career because of an injury. Kane was injured Tuesday night in a 4-0 loss at Detroit.

The rookie of the year last season, Kane played nearly 18 minutes despite pain on Thursday in the Blackhawks' 6-4 loss to the Red Wings in the Winter Classic at Wrigley Field. He's listed as day-to-day.

Khabibulin stopped 19-of-20 shots in the third period to help the Blackhawks improve to 12-1-4 at the United Center. The Blackhawks

are 12-2-4 overall at home, including the loss at Wrigley Field.

BLACKHAWKS BACK TALK

Hockey fans, time to speak up. With the hype of the Winter Classic a thing of the past, what do you see for the Blackhawks in the near future? Please e-mail us your thoughts to redeyesports@tribune.com. Or you can text "whiz" followed by your comments to 47383. Remember to include your full name, age and neighborhood.

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HOMETOWN HITS



NO. 23 MICHIGAN 74, ILLINOIS 64

Manny Harris had 16 points and four teammates also scored in double figures for No. 23 Michigan in a 74-64 victory over Illinois on Sunday that ended the Illini's seven-game winning streak. Reserve Calvin Brock led Illinois with 13 points.



NEW JERSEY 13, STORM 7

Storm defender Fabinho had two goals, but they weren't enough to overcome the New Jersey Ironmen on Sunday at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates. The Storm (2-3) dropped its second straight, 13-7.



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SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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BCS TITLE GAME

Sooner cornerback disses Florida's Tim Tebow

The Florida Gators may have some bulletin-board material heading into Thursday's Bowl Championship Series title game. Oklahoma cornerback Dominique Franks called Florida's Tim Tebow the fourth-best quarterback in the country Sunday. Franks said Tebow, who already is miffed he finished third in Heisman voting last month, ranks behind Sooners teammate and Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford, Texas' Colt McCoy and Texas Tech's Graham Harrell.



Take a bow

An archer aims at a target during an annual "Yabusame," or horseback archery festival, recently in Zushi, Japan. The sport's origins date back more than 800 years. "There is nothing like this outside of Japan," said Isaka Kaneko, who heads the Japan Equestrian Archery Association and the Takeda School of Horseback Archery, which was part of the most recent event Sunday in Kawasaki City.

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Survival guide

How to make the most of the longest month of the year

By **Rebecca Palmore**

We're no strangers to the holiday hangover (a.k.a. January). But despite the appeal of a warm bed and trusty remote, there's no need to hibernate until spring. Instead, hang on to our calendar of top-notch happenings.



Stretch your budget and your muscles at the free **weekly yoga class** at lululemon, 2104 N. Halsted St.



Toast local talent at the **28th Annual Chicago Music Awards**, honoring R&B singer Angela Winbush and 200 nominees, including Wilco, Kanye West and Smashing Pumpkins, at Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave.

Savor one of Paul McGee's **new winter cocktails** at The Whistler (2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.). Our pick: the Spaghetti Western, made with bourbon, Italian walnut liqueur and Godiva chocolate liqueur.

Free! Burn that pesky holiday fat at 60 fitness centers in Chicago parks during **Free Fitness Weeks**, continuing through Jan. 16. Participating locations: chicagoparkdistrict.com

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Impress your friends with your newfound wine knowledge during 2009's first **weekly wine tasting** at NoMi (800 N. Michigan Ave., Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th Floor). You'll learn how to identify vino based on acidity, color, taste and more.

6

Get **Derailed** at five bars in Lakeview during this midweek pub crawl, stopping at Mad River, 2909 N. Sheffield Ave.

7



Laugh it up at **Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival**, which kicks off its 10-day residence today at Theatre Building Chicago (1225 W. Belmont Ave.). See metromix.com for the complete schedule.

8

Help **Reggie Watts** test his 10-octave vocal range at the funnyman's musical improv show at Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway.

9



Cheer on the top 16 finalists during the finale of **Gays Got Talent** at Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St. The last round of contestants compete for \$1,000 cash and other prizes.

10

Learn **salsa** on the cheap at Zocalo (358 W. Ontario St.) during the River North club's new weekly \$5 class and sip \$5 'ritas to boot. Test your skills afterward during open dancing with DJ Double O until 12:30 a.m.

11

Tube time! Watch the premiere of **"American Idol"** Season 8 at Cityscape Bar, 350 W. Mart Center Drive.

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Learn to **make a killer mojito** from mixologist Victor Beheza at Carnivale, 702 W. Fulton St.

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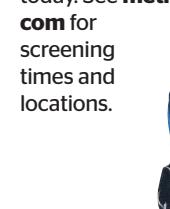


"Stay Positive" with **The Hold Steady** as the Brooklyn quintet rocks their latest album at House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St.

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Get your flick fix: **"Notorious,"** the story of Biggie Smalls, and **"My Bloody Valentine 3-D,"** open nationwide today. See metromix.com for screening times and locations.

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Groove to 12 bands at nine South Side lounges during the **Chicago Blues Tour Winter 2009**, starting at Alcock's, 411 S. Wells St.

16

Free! Celebrate the life and legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** with a musical performance and dramatic readings at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.

17



Tube time! Catch up on your favorite castaways during the season premiere of **"Lost"** and indulge in themed food and drinks at Stretch Run, 544 N. LaSalle Drive.

18

Free! Go "au naturel" with your gal pals at Greenheart's **Green Spa Night** (746 N. LaSalle Drive). Includes wine and snacks.

19

Score discounts and deals at **Andersonville on Sale**, a neighborhood shopping party around the intersection of Foster Avenue and Clark Street.

20

Be one of the first to hear local rockers **Victorian Halls'** new piano-banging EP, debuting tonight at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave.

21

Usher in the **Chinese New Year** (it's the Year of the Ox) with a "good luck" menu at Chen's Chinese and Sushi, 3506 N. Clark St.

22

Take in a **free concert** at the Museum of Contemporary Art (220 E. Chicago Ave.) as experimental music coordinator Lampo presents a new emerging artist.

23

Looking for love? Head to Fat Cat (4840 N. Broadway) for **Dating for Queer Nerds.**

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Find some new FWBs (friends with boats) at **Strictly Sail Chicago**, dropping anchor at Navy Pier (600 E. Grand Ave.) through Sunday.

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Party with the Neo-Futurists as they set up shop inside the new Metropolitan Brewery (5121 N. Ravenswood Ave.) for a site-specific play, **"Beer,"** in previews tonight.

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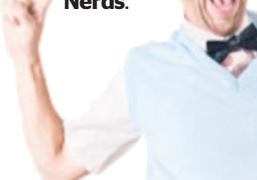
Round out your month with a 1987 flashback: **"The Princess Bride"** screens at Doc Films, (1212 E. 59th St.) for \$5.

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Doc's orders

Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, 1212 E. 59th St. 773-702-8575. Don't let your budget woes keep you from going to the movies. **Doc Films** offers indie and mainstream classics at wallet-friendly prices. Monday, see nine experimental shorts from the '50s by American filmmaker Stan Brakhage, including "Interim" and "Reflections of Black" (7 p.m.). On Tuesday, "To Kill a Mockingbird" screens (7 p.m.). \$5; \$26 for unlimited season pass.

Get dirty

Joffrey Tower, 10 E. Randolph St. 312-386-8996.

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Look it up

Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St. 773-278-1500.

The folks behind **"The Encyclopedia Show"** take inspiration from an unlikely source for their showcase of visual art, comedy, music and spoken word. That's right: an encyclopedia. On Wednesday, the show uses the moon as a jumping-off point (think lunacy and eclipses) for works from local artists Anis Mojgani, Iggy Mwela, Cassie Sparkman, Rik Vasquez and others. Performance poets Robbie Q. Telfer and Shanny Jean Maney host. 7 p.m. \$5.

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Happy birthday, Elvis

Dick's Last Resort, 315 N. Dearborn St. 312-836-7870.

Salute the King at his **74th Birthday Celebration** featuring live music by Elvis tribute band The Billvis Show and an impersonation contest with a \$500 prize. Additional festivities include themed raffle prizes, food and drink specials, and a jelly doughnut-eating contest, which scores the king—or queen—\$50. 7:30 p.m. No cover.

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A Bullet Called Life keeps everything in focus



Sharpshooters

By Michael Schmitt
FOR REDEYE

Whether onstage or in the studio, A Bullet Called Life excels when the members are sharply focused.

Though the group plays blues-infused stoner rock, bassist Dave Lundein says band members "try to sound like an extremely tight and well-rehearsed R&B/soul band."

"We focus on playing the music," he said, "and we know what we are going to play because we have drilled our set to death."

A Bullet Called Life writes its music with a similarly organized mind-set, creating a central story line to run throughout a

series of songs.

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A Bullet Called Life
When: 9 p.m.
Wednesday
Where: Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Tickets: Free

"We often start with a couple songs and then one of us comes up with a story, and we start retro-fitting the lyrics to fit that," Lundein said.

The band's eponymous release followed a story line that captivated the entire nation: the recent presidential election. But the group's in-progress full-length album, set to drop this spring, may not have a central theme.

"We have some ideas kicking around," Lundein said. "When there is a story, it makes lyric writing a lot easier."

A Bullet Called Life's attraction to well-established order may result from the

inherently chaotic blend of each member's talents.

Half of the band has formal training in music while the other half is self-taught. Such a hodgepodge of styles and backgrounds easily could result in a mess without some level of organization.

To Lundein, it's that streamlined focus that multiplies the talents of each of A Bullet Called Life's members.

"We are all great players as individuals," he said. "But nothing feels and sounds as good as playing together."

MICHAEL SCHMITT IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

LISTEN TO A BULLET CALLED LIFE'S "THE DAY I BOUGHT A GUN" AT redeyechicago.com/chitunes

Video game boom helps original artists

Associated Press

The video games Rock Band 2 and Guitar Hero are rocking bars and living rooms across the country—and putting cash in many artists' pockets.

Sales of many songs have more than doubled after release in one of the games, and well-known bands have started lining up to provide new music direct to the game makers. Now record labels—noticing what they are missing and struggling

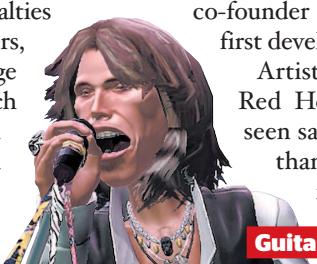
as compact disc sales tumble—are looking for a bigger piece of the action.

Although labels get some royalties from the play-along games' makers, they often are bypassed on image and likeness licensing deals, which the bands control and which account for a rising proportion of musicians' income.

Aerosmith made more money off the June release of

Guitar Hero: Aerosmith than either of its last two albums, according to Kai Huang, co-founder of RedOctane, which first developed Guitar Hero.

Artists from Nirvana to the Red Hot Chili Peppers have seen sales of their music more than double after being released on the games.



Guitar Hero: Aerosmith

Metromix listings

BRIAN VANDER ARK, ZACHARY SCOT JOHNSON
8 p.m. \$8. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave.
773-525-2508.

BROTHER JOHN HOSTS THE JAM
9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

GRANA' LOUISE AND THE TROUBLEMAKERS
9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago at Superior, 736 N. Clark St. 312-642-6261.

JEN PORTER'S MOST FABULOUS TRIO
Midnight. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

JOSH AND THE EMPTY POCKETS, ANDREA AMOS, A MINUTE JACK FORUM
8 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave.
773-404-9869.

LEMMY CAUTION, JETTY BOYS, LYNYRDS INNARDS, THE FIZZY POPS
9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave.
mpshows.com

MONDAY NIGHT LIVE
7:30 p.m. No cover; \$15 dining purchase required. Petterino's, 150 N. Dearborn St. 312-422-0150.

THE MUDFLAPPS
8 p.m. Free. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679.

PATRICIA BARBER QUARTET
9 p.m. \$7. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway.
773-878-5552.

PAUL DOPPELT AND FRIENDS
8:30 p.m. Free. Bill's Blues Bar, 1029 Davis St., Evanston. 847-424-9800.

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9 p.m. Free. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.
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10 p.m. Free. Morseland, 1218 W. Morse Ave.
773-764-8900.

ULTRAMARK, VEHICLE, 12 HOUR SHIFT, KEMMAN, CITY BRANDLE
8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave.
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7 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.
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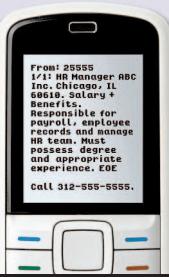


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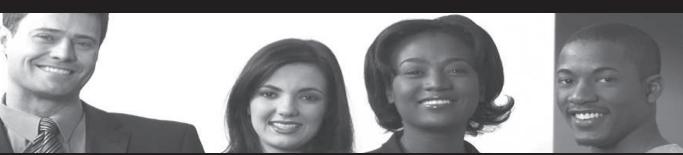
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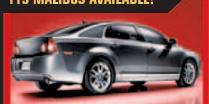
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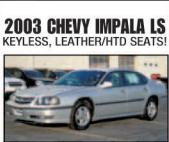
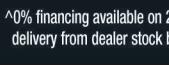
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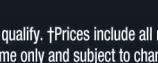
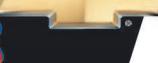
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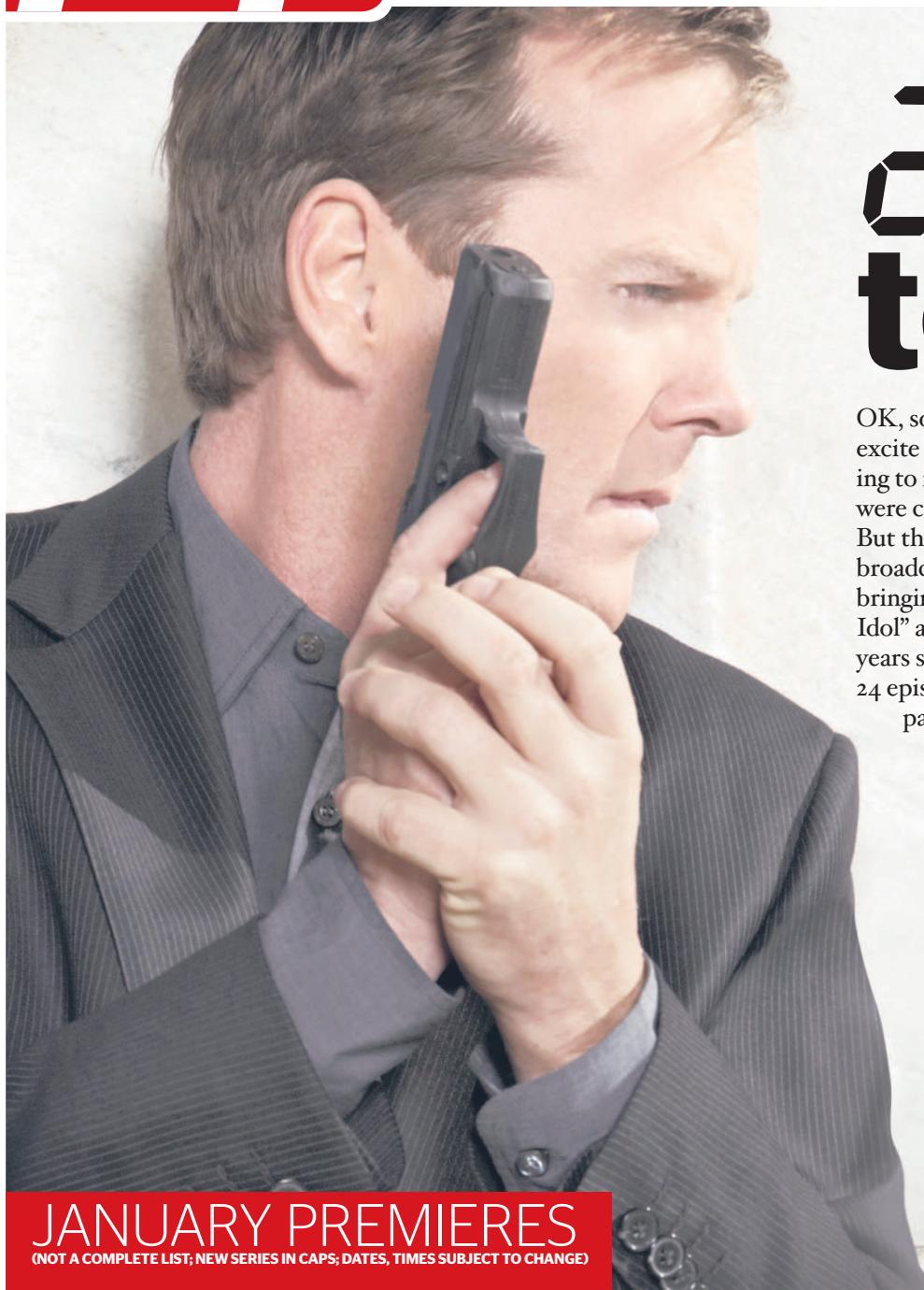
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	JAN. 12
7 p.m. The Bachelor ABC SUPERSTARS OF DANCE NBC Gossip Girl CW	7 p.m. HOMELAND SECURITY ABC Biggest Loser: Couples NBC 90210 CW NCIS CBS	7 p.m. Knight Rider NBC 13: FEAR IS REAL CW		7 p.m. Ugly Betty ABC My Name Is Earl NBC	7 p.m. Ghost Whisperer CBS HOWIE DO IT NBC Wife Swap ABC Everybody Hates Chris CW
8 p.m. One Tree Hill CW The Secret Life of an American Teenager ABC Family	8 p.m. Privileged CW The Mentalist CBS	8 p.m. Ghost Hunters International Sci Fi	7:30 p.m. Kath & Kim NBC	7:30 p.m. The Game CW	7 p.m. Big Bang Theory CBS
9 p.m. TRUE BEAUTY ABC	9 p.m. Nip/Tuck FX Law & Order: SVU NBC Without a Trace CBS	9 p.m. Top Chef Bravo MEET THE BROWNS TBS Law & Order NBC The Real World MTV	8 p.m. Grey's Anatomy ABC	8 p.m. Lipstick Jungle NBC Supernanny ABC Monk USA	7:30 p.m. How I Met Your Mother CBS
	10 p.m. 10 Items Or Less TBS		9 p.m. Private Practice ABC ER NBC	9 p.m. Numb3rs CBS 20/20 ABC	8 p.m. Two and a Half Men CBS Kyle XY ABC Family
					8:30 p.m. Samantha Who? ABC Worst Week CBS
					9 p.m. CSI: Miami CBS Man vs. Wild Discovery

24 reasons to watch TV

OK, so the TV networks didn't offer a whole lot to excite viewers last fall. And the shows that were thrilling to me either ended their runs ("The Shield") or were canceled ("Pushing Daisies" and "Eli Stone"). But the midseason is a time to recharge, so cable and broadcast networks are launching new shows and bringing back heavy hitters—such as "Lost," "American Idol" and "24." Speaking of "24," it's been nearly two years since Jack Bauer saved America in 24 hours over 24 episodes. In honor of Jack's return on Sunday, here are 24 old and new shows—in no particular order—that have me eagerly anticipating the midseason.

show patrol

CURT WAGNER
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1 **Lost**
8 p.m. Jan. 21, ABC
Where's the island from which Jack, Kate and the rest of the Oceanic 6 escaped, you ask? A better question is *when* is the island?

2 **30 Rock**
8:30 p.m. Thursday, NBC
It's true, Tina Fey can do no wrong. And the incredible cast of TV's best comedy makes her look even better.

3 **Damages**
9 p.m. Wednesday, FX
Everyone's gunning for driven lawyer Patty Hewes (Glenn Close) in the new season of this suspenseful drama.

4 **24**
7 p.m. Sunday, Fox
Jack Bauer is in trouble with the U.S. Senate, but not for long. Once again, he's tasked to save the world.

5 **The Office**
8 p.m. Thursday, NBC
The Dunder-Mifflin gang always makes me laugh, but Jack Black and Jessica Alba will help out during a post-Super Bowl episode.

6 **Flashpoint**
8 p.m. Friday, CBS
With it's easy-to-follow, stand-alone eps, last summer's sleeper hit is the perfect antidote to "Lost" and "Damages." Don't think too hard, just enjoy.

7 **Psych**
9 p.m. Friday, USA

Funny men James Roday and Dule Hill still crack me up as the fake psychic and his partner.

8 **Scrubs**
8 p.m. Tuesday, ABC

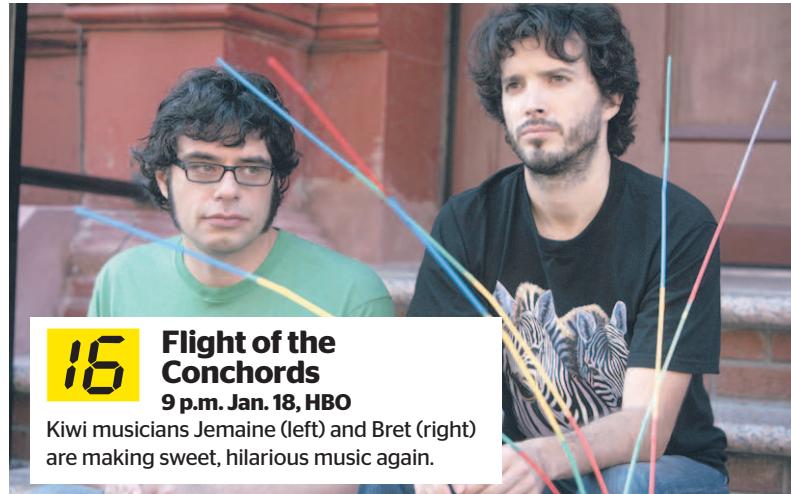
New network, same zany hospital hijinks for Zach Braff and, for three episodes, Courteney Cox.

9 **Friday Night Lights**
8 p.m. Jan. 16, NBC

Thanks to DirecTV and NBC, viewers are getting another shot at making the wonderful drama a success. Don't mess it up, people.

10 **American Idol**
7 p.m. Jan. 13, FOX

TV's No. 1 show hired another judge in hopes of hitting all the right notes with viewers again.

**16** **Flight of the Conchords**
9 p.m. Jan. 18, HBO

Kiwi musicians Jemaine (left) and Bret (right) are making sweet, hilarious music again.

11 **Fringe**
8 p.m. Jan. 20, FOX

Creator J.J. Abrams and crew have me hooked on their creepy FBI cases.

12 **The Beast**
9 p.m. Jan. 15, A&E

Patrick Swayze plays second fiddle to a dark, brooding Chicago in this FBI drama.

13 **Trust Me**
9 p.m. Jan. 26, TNT

Tom Cavanagh and Eric McCormack play fast-talking pals working in a Chicago ad agency.

14 **Bones**
7 p.m. Jan. 15, FOX

Fox is moving this forensic fave to a new night *again*, but it's worth following.

15 **Burn Notice**
9 p.m. Jan. 22, USA

Jeffrey Donovan graced the stage of a Chicago theater this winter, and now he's back as out-of-work spy Michael Weston.

**17** **United States of Tara**
9 p.m. Jan. 18, Showtime

Toni Collette (above) plays a mom with multiple personalities in this darkly comic series written by "Juno" scribe Diablo Cody.

18 **CSI**
8 p.m. Jan. 15, CBS

It's the end of an era as William Petersen and his character Gil Grissom pack it in. Welcome, Laurence Fishburne.

19 **The Closer**
8 p.m. Jan. 26, TNT

Is it true? Does commitment-phobe cop Brenda (Kyra Sedgwick) actually get married? Surely she'll screw this up.

**20** **Battlestar Galactica**
9 p.m. Jan. 16, Sci Fi

I'm not looking forward to the end of this space opera; but I can't wait for the final 10 episodes, when we'll learn what happened to Earth and what happens to Starbuck (above).

COMING SOON**21** **Chuck**
7 p.m. Feb. 2, NBC

The nerdy spy comedy that hit its stride this season will get even wackier with this 3-D episode.

22 **Dollhouse**
8 p.m. Feb. 13, FOX

It's been dumped in the Friday wasteland, but I'll TiVo Joss Whedon's latest creation, about a female agent who gets a new personality for each case.

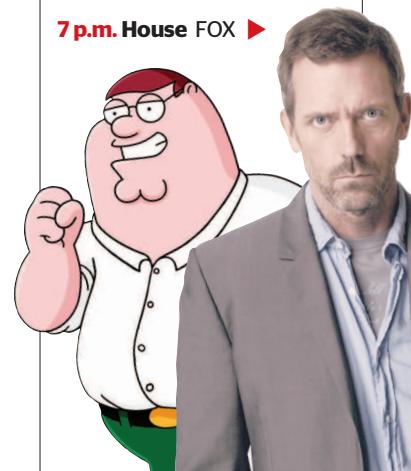
23 **Reaper**
8 p.m. March 17, CW

Finally, Satan's back! Maybe we'll learn what he has in store for Sam.

24 **The Tudors**
9 p.m. March 30, Showtime

King Henry VIII takes another bride, Jane Seymour, who will try to keep her head on her shoulders.

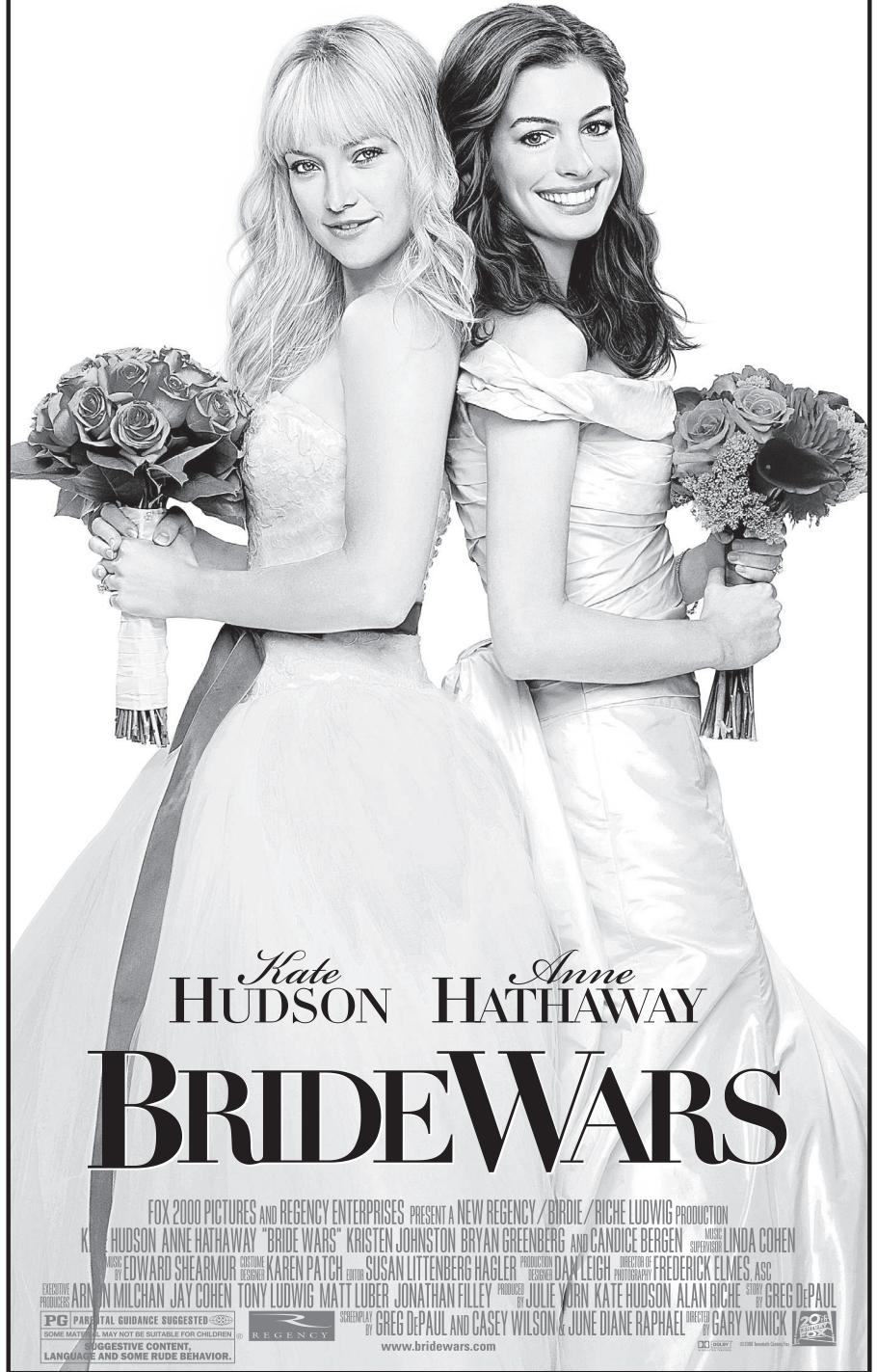
JAN. 14	JAN. 15	JAN. 18	JAN. 19	JAN. 21	JAN. 28
7 p.m. New Adventures of Old Christine CBS	7 p.m. Smallville CW	6 p.m. Hole In The Wall FOX	7 p.m. House FOX ►	8 p.m. Lie To Me FOX	9 p.m. Life on Mars ABC
7:30 p.m. Gary Unmarried CBS	8 p.m. Kitchen Nightmares FOX	7 p.m. The Simpsons FOX			
8 p.m. Criminal Minds CBS	Supernatural CW	7:30 p.m. King of the Hill FOX			
9 p.m. CSI: New York CBS	9 p.m. Eleventh Hour CBS	8 p.m. Family Guy FOX ►			
	America's Best Dance Crew MTV	The L Word Showtime			
	Celebrity Rehab Presents Sober House VH1	Big Love HBO			
		8:30 p.m. American Dad FOX			
		9:30 p.m. Secret Diary of a Call Girl Showtime			

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For a sneak peek at the new season of "Lost" (above), reviews and video clips of new and returning shows, plus a complete midseason TV schedule, go to redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



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Associated Press

Beyoncé is fast becoming the queen of YouTube.

Her video for "If I Were a Boy" has been watched by more than 34 million on the video-sharing site. In it, Beyoncé imagines life if gender roles were reversed between her and her boyfriend (a fictional boyfriend, alas, not Jay-Z).

The popularity of "If I Were a Boy" is matched by Beyoncé's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)." That video has yielded at least 22 million views and inspired countless bedroom copycats.

Whereas "If I Were a Boy" is conceptual and has a narrative, "Single Ladies" is simple, imitable and iconic. It's just Beyoncé dancing in a black leotard, heels and a bizarre metal glove, flanked by two similarly dressed female dancers on a plain white studio set.

The video has spawned dozens and dozens of amateur versions, from the mimicking of a toddler to more aggressively serious attempts, like that of a 20-year-old North Carolina native who identifies himself as a Staples employee named Chris or "Angel Pariz."



The (new) Gloved One in "Single Ladies."

Beyoncé has spoken about how bowled over she is by all the imitations and met some of the dancers. She also joined the "Saturday Night Live" parody of the video with Justin Timberlake and cast members Andy Samberg and Bobby Moynihan. (That video also has been watched by millions online.)

Beyoncé's most recent video, "Diva," returns the singer to the simple style of her and two dancers in a plain setting—this time an empty warehouse.

The popularity of Beyoncé's videos only reinforces how important music videos are to the Google-owned YouTube. Many of

the most watched videos in YouTube's short history are music videos—such as OK Go's treadmill clip.

In December, though, videos by artists signed to Warner Music Group began disappearing from the site after contract negotiations broke down between the music company and YouTube. The takedown included many fan-created videos as well.

It's a somewhat ironic development for a medium—the music video—originally created as an advertisement to sell records (and thus something labels wanted played as much as possible). But as album sales have declined, all revenue streams are more important to labels.

There's competition in being an online broadcaster of music videos, too. Artist pages on MySpace increasingly host music videos, and MTV earlier this year launched the beta version of the impressive mtvmusic.com, a player that hosts seemingly every music video.

Naturally, Beyoncé's "Single Ladies" is one of the most viewed videos at MTVMusic too.



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- Marley & Me (PG) 1:15,4:15,7:30,10:20
- Seven Pounds (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,5:45,7:50,10:50
- Yes Man (PG-13) 2:30,5:30,8:15,10:40
- Earth Stood (PG-13) 1:30,4:00,6:45,9:30
- Four Chris (PG-13) 3:00,8:30
- Twilight (PG-13) 10:45 P.M.
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- Slumdog Mill (R) 1:45,3:00,4:40,6:15,7:40,9:20,10:30
- Doubt (PG-13) 1:55,4:45,7:35,10:10

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- Tale of Desp (G) 1:30,4:00,6:30

- Yes Man (PG-13) 2:15,5:00,7:45,10:20

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- Earth Stood (PG-13) 2:10,4:50,7:20,10:10

- Nothing Like (PG-13) 6:05,8:40

- Four Chris (PG-13) 1:00,3:30

- Twilight (PG-13) 9:00

- Bolt in 3D (PG) 1:10,3:45

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- Yes Man (PG-13) 5:20,7:40,9:50
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- Earth Stood (PG-13) 2:15,4:45,7:10,9:40
- AMC Select Nothing Like (PG-13) 5:10,10:00
- AMC Select Cadillac Rec (R) 2:40,7:30
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- Bolt (PG) 2:10,4:15,6:25,8:30
- Madagascar 2 (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:05,8:10

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- Bolt (PG) 1:00 P.M.

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- Australia (PG-13) 6:30 P.M.
- AMC Select Happy-Go-Lucky (R) 2:00 P.M.
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- AMC Select Rachel Getting (R) 2:15,5:00,7:40

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AMC Select Revo Road (R) 2:00,2:20,4:05,7:20,8:20,10:30

AMC Select The Reader (R) 1:25,4:25,7:25,10:40

Benjamin Button (PG-13) 3:05,7:00,10:40

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The Spirit (PG-13) 2:30,5:15,8:25

Bedtime Stories (PG) 1:30,3:00,4:00,6:30,9:00

Marley & Me (PG) 1:00,4:00,7:15,10:30

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Yes Man (PG-13) 3:30,6:00,8:50

AMC Select Slumdog Mill (R) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10

AMC Select The Wrestler (R) 1:45,4:45,7:45,8:45,10:45

Earth Stood (R) 3:50,6:20,8:50

AMC Select Milk (R) 1:05,4:05,7:05,10:05

AMC Select Cadillac Rec (R) 10:35 P.M.

Four Chris (PG-13) 1:20 P.M.

Bolt (PG) 1:00 P.M.

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- Benjamin Button (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:20,4:05,6:10,8:10,9:55,11:40
- Marley & Me (PG) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:40,9:30
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- Madagascar 2 (PG) 1:50,2:20,3:00,4:15,6:20,7:30,9:10,10:10

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- Bedtime Stories (PG) ★ 2:00,4:50,7:10,9:30
- Gran Torino (R) ★ 1:20,2:10,3:45,5:00,6:30,7:45,9:15,10:30
- Valkyrie (PG-13) ★ 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:00
- Yes Man (PG-13) 1:30,4:00,6:40,9:40,10:00
- Seven Pounds (PG-13) 12:30,2:30,3:30,4:15,6:20,7:30,9:20,10:20
- Frost/Nixon (R) 1:40,4:30,7:20,10:10
- Four Chris (PG-13) 2:20,4:40,6:50,9:10

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On the patch

Tom Cruise's eye-patch-sporting character Claus von Stauffenberg in the Nazi-era film "Valkyrie" got us thinking about other patch-wearing TV and movie characters. Here are eight of RedEye's favorites.



A Swoosie Kurtz's
Charles in ABC's
"Pushing Daisies"
(2007-08)

B Daryl Hannah's
Elle Driver in the
two "Kill Bill" movies
(2003, '04)

C Kurt Russell's
Snake Plissken
in "Escape From
New York" (1981) and
"Escape From L.A."
(1996)

D Mackenzie Crook's Ragetti
in "Pirates of the
Caribbean" movies
(2003, '06, '07)

E Angelina Jolie's Capt.
Franky Cook in "Sky
Captain and the
World of Tomorrow"
(2004)

F Michael Hogan's
Colonel Saul Tigh in
Sci Fi's "Battlestar
Galactica" (2004-09)

G Andrew Divoff's Mikhail
Bakunin in ABC's
"Lost" (2004-?)

H Brendan Gleeson's
Alastor "Mad-Eye"
Moody in the "Harry
Potter" movies
(2005-?)

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Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Jupiter is moving into your sign for a whole year. This will bring a tremendous amount of positive energy your way. You'll find it easy to attract soul mates, and you'll generally be having more fun than you have in ages. The party is just beginning.



Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Trust your intuition this week. The moon is heightening your psychic abilities. You'll find it easy to understand where a relationship is headed and what you can do to make things better. Remember to act upon those hunches.



Aries

March 21-April 19

Mercury is putting you in a funky mood. You're restless and your libido is high. Your attention is all over the place, and you could find it difficult to focus on just one honey. Will your new motto become: "Love 'em and leave 'em"?



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Career and money issues are driving you bonkers, thanks to the moon. You need a distraction from all your troubles. Focus on some mind-bending nights of sensual activity with your romantic partner. You'll soon have a big smile on your face.



Gemini

May 21-June 21

A Venus square is inspiring you to get into mischief. You'll decide to show up at your former flame's doorstep, clad only in a trench coat. Or you might end up shocking your significant other with some wild moves in the bedroom. Go for it.



Cancer

June 22-July 22

This is the time to make a passionate confession. A full moon in your sign has you throw-

ing caution to the winds. If you're mad about a girl or crazy about a guy, let your feelings be known. You'll never make romantic progress if you hold everything back.



Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Jupiter is moving opposite your sign for a whole year, and this means that you could go through some major life changes surrounding your career. Be patient and consider all of your options. In the meantime, keep communicating with your honey every step of the way.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

With Mercury going into retrograde, it's best to slow down. If you were thinking about proposing to your honey, take a few weeks to figure out if this is the right move for you. Don't make any dramatic changes when it comes to romance.



Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You're filled with ideas, thanks to creative Jupiter. You might come up with a new seduction technique. Try it out on an attractive friend. Or you could discover a sexy move that makes your partner scream out in ecstasy.



Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 21

Don't take it personally if your honey is having a bad day. A moon opposition is putting you in one of your prickly moods. Don't waste energy getting upset over nothing. When in doubt, talk things out the moment you detect a problem.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

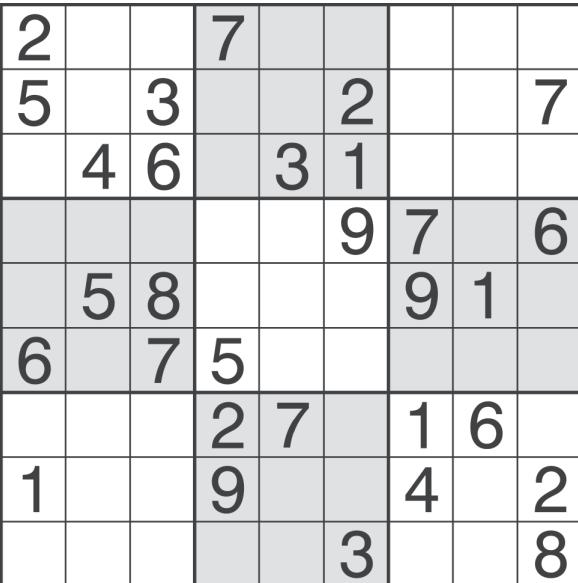
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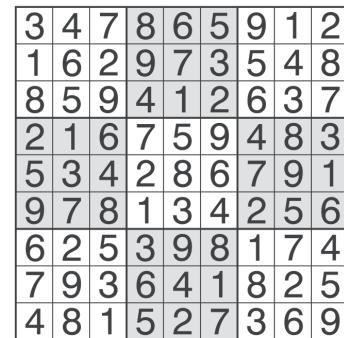
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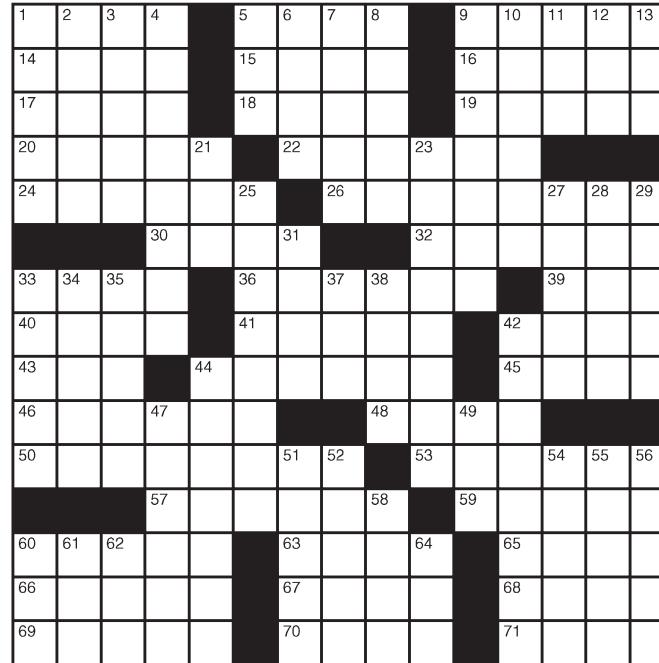
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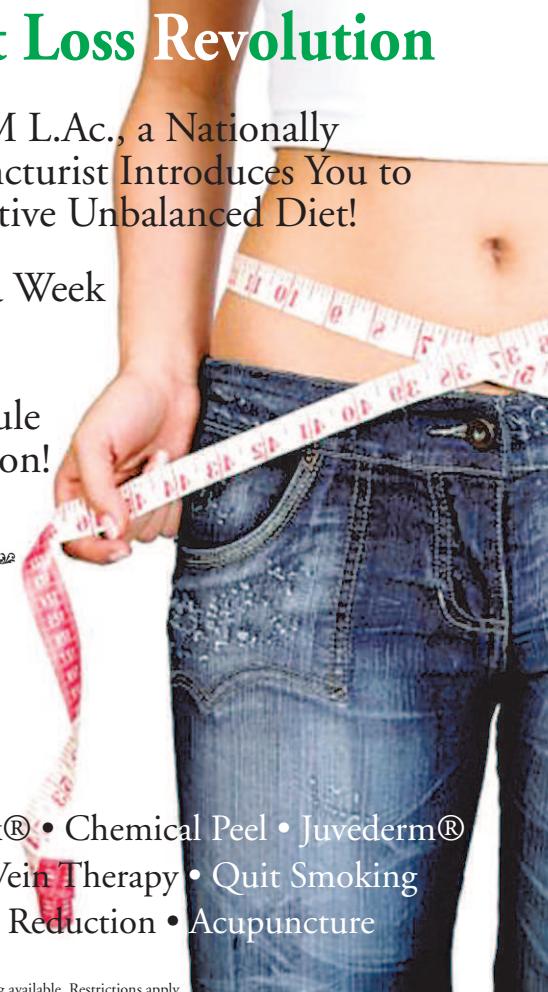
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KATY PERRY'S RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

The "I Kissed a Girl" singer reportedly is splitsville with her Gym Class Heroes beau Travis McCoy, according to an unnamed source cited by [usmagazine.com](#). No word from Perry or her rep, but McCoy did post a breakup tune on his blog over the weekend.



OLD BRAD PITT

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is cleaning up at the box office—despite its super long run time. Just goes to show the drawing power of Angelina Jolie's beau—even when he's an aging, wrinkly old baby, moviegoers can't get enough Pitt.



NICK CANNON'S PLANS

The husband of Mariah Carey recently told [usmagazine.com](#) that he had plans to "multiply" with his wife soon. Seriously, that's a really weird way of saying you're planning a family. What's the deal with the word choice?

Up close & personal

We'd like to get better looks at these pop figures

It's Anne Hathaway as you've never seen her before—at least not on a morning talk show anyway. The "Bride Wars" star was the scheduled guest on Monday's revamped "Live with Regis and Kelly," which is debuting a high-definition look, a new theme song and some new segments, [people.com](#) reported Sunday. While the idea of a rebooted chatty morning show is pretty sweet in and of itself, we're way more stoked about a high-def Hathaway. In that spirit, here are few other things in pop culture we'd like to take a closer look at.



Hathaway
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Downey Jr.
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ROBERT DOWNEY JR. IN "SHERLOCK HOLMES"

Have you seen those photos of Downey Jr.'s upcoming detective flick, which apparently explores Sherlock Holmes' boxing roots? Dude is jacked! Seriously, it's like Iron Man built a time machine, traveled to Victorian England, gave himself a gentleman's makeover and started solving crimes "CSI"-style.



Dev Patel, star of
"Slumdog Millionaire"
GETTY IMAGES FILE

BOLLYWOOD DANCE NUMBERS

Not to give anything away, but tucked inside the buzzed-about "Slumdog Millionaire" is one of the best Bollywood-style dance numbers we've seen all year—or ever really. This thing gives the Soulja Boy dance (remember that one?) a run for its money, people.

"GOSSIP GIRL" DRAMA

Kelly Rutherford, who plays Lily van der Woodsen on "Gossip Girl," reportedly is ending it with her husband, German entrepreneur Daniel Giersch. Rutherford is three months pregnant, and she filed for divorce last month. The coverage of the breakup makes us think we're watching an episode of the hit show about backstabbing teens.

Rutherford
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Prince has plans to release three new albums in 2009.
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Triple play

Who needs a major record label? Not Prince.

The Artist Formerly Known as a Glyph is planning to release three new albums in 2009 without a label's assistance, the L.A. Times reports. A "major retailer" is in talks with the artist to release the music in a physical format, while a new Prince Web site will offer it in digital form.

In the interview, Prince said several times, "The gatekeepers have to change."

The first album, tentatively titled "MPLSOUND," is "electro-flavored" and "trippy." Q-Tip also makes a guest appearance. Meanwhile, the second album, "Lotus Flower," is guitar-driven. He also was heavily involved in an album titled "Elixir" from his protege, Bria Valente.

Red, White & Jovi

Jon Bon Jovi will be there for Hillary Clinton.

He's performing at a fundraiser for Clinton as she tries to close out her campaign debt, which stood at \$6.3 million as of December, the Associated Press reports.

The Jan. 15 performance at Manhattan's Town Hall is being billed as "a final evening in support of Hillary Clinton for President Debt Relief." Ticket prices range from \$75 to \$1,000.

The former first lady and New York senator has been working to pay down her debt to clear the way for confirmation as President-elect Obama's secretary of state. Federal rules prohibit Cabinet officials from actively soliciting campaign contributions.



Chmerkovskiy



Smirnoff

Dance fever

Now this will be a first dance to remember: "Dancing With the Stars" pros Maksim Chmerkovskiy and Karina Smirnoff are getting hitched, people.com reports.

The couple, who are part of the ABC show's winter tour, got engaged on New Year's Eve in Las Vegas, the mag reports. There were no details on the impending nuptials, though "DWTS" is scheduled to begin its eighth season March 9.

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\$24.1 million

Estimated amount "Marley & Me" fetched at theaters over the weekend, making it the top dog for a second straight week.

True or false?

With its 11-day \$106.5 million at the box office, "Marley & Me" became the first Christmas picture to hit \$100 million. Text "movie" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get a text back with the answer.

1. True 2. False

Travolta and Preston 'heartbroken'

John Travolta and Kelly Preston thanked well-wishers and fans Sunday for their support in the wake of the tragic death of their chronically ill teen son.

"Jett was the most wonderful son that two parents could ever ask for and lit up the lives of everyone he encountered. We

are heartbroken that our time with him was so brief," Travolta and Preston said in a written statement, the AP reported.

Jett Travolta was found unconscious in a bathroom in the family's vacation home on Grand Bahama late Friday morning and later was pronounced dead at a Freeport,

Bahamas, hospital. Reports say the teen suffered a seizure, hit his head on a bathtub and was unsuccessfully administered CPR by John Travolta.

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday, but foul play is not suspected in Travolta's death.

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